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From: Hague, Mark
Sent: Tue 10/22/2013 9:26:00 PM
Subject: RE: OPA Daily Digest 10/22/13

Can you all work to update the RA/DRA events.

The SES meeting is now Dec 3 and 4

The EMC meeting Dec 5 and 6

Sr. Staff Retreat will not be November 15....working with Wendy to find new date and possible location.

Also four State Directors' meeting date will change...again working on coming up with new date

Mark

From: Thomas, Hattie
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OPA Daily Digest for 10/22/13

Congressional Inquiries:

Sen. Roy Blunt (Mo.) 9/25/13. Constituent concerns about property that they own considered as an abandoned hazardous waste site. Due: 10/9/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Sen. Claire McCaskill (Mo.) 9/23/13. Subcontractor complaints of payments not received for work done for lead removal at North County Schools in St. Francois County. Due: 10/9/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Rep. Billy Long (Mo.) 9/17/13. Subcontractor complaints of payments not received for work done on the Oronogo remediation project. Due: 10/2/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (closed)

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

Webb City (Mo.) Sentinel – Bob Foos – 10/17/13: Questions about reports of a contractor stopping work at an EPA Superfund site in the Joplin area because of disputes with suppliers or subcontractors. Contacts: Debbie Kring, 7725; Chris Whitley, 7394 (open)

St. Louis Post-Dispatch – Jeff Tomich – 10/22/13: Interview with Karl Brooks about upcoming survey work in preparation for construction of isolation barrier at West Lake Landfill Site, Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

Associated Press, St. Louis – Jim Salter – 10/22/13: Interview with Karl Brooks about upcoming survey work in preparation for construction of isolation barrier at West Lake Landfill Site, Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

KWMU Public Radio, St. Louis – Veronique LaCapra - 10/22/13: Interview with Karl Brooks about upcoming survey work in preparation for construction of isolation barrier at West Lake Landfill Site, Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

Environmental Stories:

Joplin Independent - Dyno Nobel agrees to EPA fine - 10/21/13 - Dyno Nobel Inc. with facilities in Carthage and Louisiana, Missouri has agreed to pay a \$257,167 civil penalty to settle alleged violations of the Clean Air Act (CAA), Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).

http://www.joplinindependent.com/display_article.php/washburn1382386706

Fox News - GOP lawmakers grill EPA on water reg 'power grab' - 10/21/13 - Calling the plan a "massive power grab," Republican lawmakers are asking the Environmental Protection Agency to explain why it's in such a rush to implement a federal regulation which they argue could have a major impact on private property rights.

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2013/10/21/gop-lawmakers-grill-epa-on-water-reg-power-grab/>

Estherville News - Cleanup plan for Dubuque Superfund site revised - 10/21/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency has amended the cleanup plan for a contaminated former coal gasification plant site in Dubuque to include the installation of wells designed to prevent the movement of contaminants in the groundwater.

<http://www.esthervilledailynews.com/page/content.detail/id/394925/Cleanup-plan-for-Dubuque-Superfund-site-revised.html?isap=1&nav=5012>

St. Joseph News-Press - McCaskill urges end to duplicative farm regulation - 10/12/13 - With lawmakers' attention shifting from the government shutdown to other items of legislative business, Missouri Sen. Claire McCaskill wants conferees working on the Farm Bill to reconsider a redundant regulation that burdens farmers and ranchers.

http://www.newspressnow.com/news/local_news/article_f853e127-8e7c-53d2-ada8-3ae8e42bbfc8.html

Oil & Gas Journal - SCOTUS to review EPA regulations of stationary sources' GHG emissions - 10/21/13 - The US Supreme Court agreed to review the US Environmental Protection Agency's approach to regulating greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from refineries and other stationary sources. The American Petroleum Institute and American Petrochemical & Fuel Manufacturers applauded the move.

<http://www.ogj.com/articles/print/volume-111/issue-10b/general-interest/scotus-to-review-epa-regulations-of-stationary.html>

KOTA-TV - Lowe's Sweeps EPA Honors For Environmental Leadership - 10/22/13 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has awarded Lowe's Companies, Inc. (NYSE: LOW) the highest

honors for industry leadership in its SmartWay® and WaterSense® programs. Today, Lowe's received the 2013 SmartWay Excellence Award for its environmental performance in the freight transportation industry. This month, the EPA also recognized Lowe's with a 2013 WaterSense Sustained Excellence award for its long-standing efforts to educate consumers about water-efficient products and practices.

<http://www.kotatv.com/story/23755374/lowes-sweeps-epa-honors-for-environmental-leadership>

Daily Reporter - After delay due to shutdown, testing work starts next week on Bridgeton Landfill trench - 10/22/13 - Initial testing work is about to start on a trench to help keep an underground fire at a suburban St. Louis landfill from reaching World War II-era nuclear waste buried 1,200 feet away.

<http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/view/story/4afc5fa51a014789898af18f80ffbd44/MO--Bridgeton-Landfill>

Also in: The Columbus Republic, Franklin Daily Journal, Fort Mills Times, widely reported

KCTV-TV - Testing work to start on Bridgeton Landfill trench - 10/22/13 - Initial testing work is about to start on a trench to help keep an underground fire at a suburban St. Louis landfill from reaching World War II-era nuclear waste buried 1,200 feet away.

<http://kctv.membercenter.worldnow.com/story/23757285/testing-work-to-start-on-bridgeton-landfill-trench>

Widely Reported

Metro News - EPA ready to listen, but not here – 10/22/13 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is ready to start listening to what Americans have to say about President Obama's proposed Climate Action Plan. However, some don't think they'll be hearing from the right people.

<http://wvmetronews.com/2013/10/22/epa-ready-to-listen-but-not-here/>

Huffington Post - New Video Highlights Urgent Need for Obama to Make Chemical Plants Safer - 10/22/13 - After a chemical plant explosion in West, Texas, killed 15 people in April, President Obama ordered the Environmental Protection Agency to create a plan to reduce the risks of more deadly chemical disasters. But with the president's October 31st deadline for action coming up fast, it's not clear that the EPA will take decisive steps.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/davidhalperin/new-video-highlights-urge_b_4142756.html

KMOV-TV Ch. 4 - Testing work to start on Bridgeton Landfill trench - 10/22/13 - Initial testing work is about to start on a trench to help keep an underground fire at a suburban St. Louis landfill from reaching World War II-era nuclear waste buried 1,200 feet away. Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks told The Associated Press Tuesday that initial survey work for the fire break at the Bridgeton Landfill will begin next week.

<http://www.kmov.com/news/local/Testing-work-to-start-on-Bridgeton-Landfill-trench-228792111.html>

Water World - Iowa Superfund site issued amendment to Record of Decision from EPA - 10/22/13 - The Peoples Natural Gas Superfund Site in Dubuque, Iowa, was recently issued an amendment to its Record of Decision (ROD) by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7. The selected remedy for the amended ROD includes institutional controls, along with extraction wells to prevent movement of the contaminants in the groundwater and monitoring natural degradation of the contaminants.

<http://www.waterworld.com/articles/2013/10/epa-issues-amendment-to-record-of-decision-for-the-peoples-natural-gas-superfund-site-in-dubuque-iowa.html>

Radio Iowa - Grassley interested in key provisions of the Farm Bill - 10/22/13 - The U.S. Senate is in recess this week, thanks to the orders of Democratic leader Harry Reid, so Iowa Senator Chuck Grassley is home on his farm, helping with the harvest. Grassley, a Republican, says he and his colleagues should be in Washington, with so many important issues still on the table. The Farm Bill will go to conference committee next week and Grassley says he'll be watching the progress carefully, especially a few key provisions.

<http://www.radioiowa.com/2013/10/22/grassley-interested-in-key-provisions-of-the-farm-bill/>

The Hill - GOP water bill amendments would limit EPA's reach - 10/22/13 - A House Republican wants to limit the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) power to scuttle "mountaintop removal" coal-mining projects when lawmakers debate a major water infrastructure bill this week. Rep. David McKinley (R-W.Va.) is floating an amendment to the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) that would prevent EPA from "retroactively" vetoing water pollution permits granted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

<http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/e2-wire/329871-gop-water-bill-amendments-would-limit-epas-reach>

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

Semana Nacional de Prevención de Envenenamiento por Plomo de EE.UU. lanza esfuerzo global – 10/22/13 – Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

10/29-30/13 - SES National Executive Leadership Development Conference, Washington, DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

11/14/13 – National Association of Farm Broadcasting Trade Talk, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

11/14/13 – Interagency Environmental Leadership Council, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566

11/15/13 – Region 7 Senior Management Retreat, National Archives at Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Wendy Lubbe, 7551

DRA:

10/29-30/13 - SES National Executive Leadership Development Conference - Washington, DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

10/31 –11/1/13 - Executive Management Council Meeting, Washington, DC Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

11/14/13 – National Association of Farm Broadcasting Trade Talk, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

None

CNSL

None

ECO/EJ

11/1/2013 – EJ Presentation at Children’s Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Althea Moses, 7649

ENSV

None

PLMG

None

RA/OPA

None

SUPR

None

WWPD

None

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